

The Human Rights Organs of the Ministry of Justice(2/2)

Human Rights Counseling Services

Human rights counseling services are available for all kinds of human rights problems such as bullying and corporal punishment at school, maltreatment, domestic violence, discriminatory treatment based on one's birthplaces, disabilities or diseases and invasion of privacy on the Internet. When human rights infringements are suspected through the counseling, the Human Rights Organs initiate investigation into the cases.

The counseling services are free of charge, easy to use and strictly confidential.

Human Rights Counseling Offices

Human rights counseling services are available at the Human Rights Organs, District Legal Affairs Bureaus and their branches (a total of 314 locations across the nation) in person, by telephone (Human Rights Hotline, Children's Rights Hotline and Women's Rights Hotline) or on the Internet. In addition, counseling services with interpreters (Human Rights Counseling Offices for Foreigners) are available at Legal Affairs Bureaus and District Legal Affairs Bureaus in cities which have a large population of foreign nationals, such as Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya, in order to respond properly to their needs.

Children's Rights SOS Letter-Cards

The Human Rights Organs and District Legal Affairs Bureaus distribute "Children's Rights SOS Letter-Cards" (letter paper with a pre-stamped envelope for human rights counseling) to elementary and junior high school students nationwide as part of efforts for solving children's human-rights problems (e.g. bullying and corporal punishment at school and abuse of children at home).

Common National Dial For Human Rights Counseling

Human Rights Hotline **0570-003-110**
(with a nationwide number)

Special telephones

Children's Rights Hotline **0120-007-110**
(with a nationwide toll-free number)

Women's Rights Hotline **0570-070-810**
(with a nationwide number)

Human rights counseling service on the Internet

Personal computer <http://www.mo.j.go.jp/JINKEN/jinken113.html>
インターネット人権相談

Mobile phone <http://www.jinken.go.jp/soudan/mobile/001.html>

Letter

Children's Rights SOS Letter-Cards



人権イメージキャラクター
AKENまもるくん・AKENあゆみちゃん
Human Rights Campaign Characters
Jin-KEN-Mamoru Kun & Jin-KEN-Ayumi Chan

With the aim of bringing citizens closer to human rights protection activities and of increasing the effectiveness of promotion and publicity activities, the human rights organs created campaign characters for human rights (designed by Takashi Yanase, a renown cartoonist), and started using them for wide-ranging promotion and publicity activities.

Human Rights Promotion

Promoting the idea of respecting human rights

Promoting the idea of respecting human rights is one of the most important function of the Human Rights Organs.

Public education and promotion activities are intended to make people aware of the necessity and importance of respecting human rights (e.g.the rights of "women", "Foreign Nationals", "People with gender identity issues")and to spread these values among the people. These promotion activities are widely carried out for the general public and such activities are diversified. Generally speaking, the Human Rights Organs set a suitable theme annually and run all programs, which include symposia, lecture meetings, movies, various events and the use of mass media such as TV, radio and Internet.

"Parent and child symposium"
on Hansen's disease



Promotion activities aimed at children

● Human Rights Essay Contest

The National Human Rights Essay Contest for Junior High School Students has been held since 1981 for the purpose of enabling junior high school students to deepen their understanding of the importance and necessity of human rights and to acquire a richer awareness of human rights through writing essays on human rights issues.

● Human Rights Class

The Human Rights Class is a promotion activity for the purpose such as children's learning compassions to others and preciousness of life by making opportunities to think about bullying, and so on. Being geared for elementary school children, this is held by Human Rights Volunteers across the country.

● The Human Rights

Flower Campaign The Human Rights Flower Campaign has been held since 1982 as a human rights promotion activity carried out mainly for elementary school students.

In the campaign, children are given flower seeds or bulbs and grow them by cooperating together. We hope that they realize the preciousness of life, nurture a warm-hearted spirit and learn tenderness and compassion through this experience.

